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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 4168(DTG R/231250Z MAY 74) ACTION SECSTATE 23  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, IR

SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

REF: (A) TEHRAN 4080; (B) STATE 106370; (C) CINCPAC 040146Z MAY 74

1. REFERENCES A AND B CROSSED IN TRNSMISSION. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD  
APPROACH GOI RE CONTINUATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR P-3 FLIGHTS  
FROM BANDAR ABBAS. WE PROPOSE PRESENTATION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. WE SHOULD ASK GOI APPROVAL OF TEXT OF CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE  
CONTAINED IN REF B. WE WOULD LIKE TO NOTE TO GOI THAT WE BELIEVE  
THERE IS SOME LIEKLIHOOD PRESS ATTENTION WILL BE DRAWN TO P-3

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FLIGHTS AND THAT WE DO NOT THINK THAT PROPOSED GUIDANCE WILL

NECESSARILY CONVINCE SKEPTICAL JOURNALISTS WHO WILL PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON OPERATIONAL PURPOSES OF FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, WE HOP THAT STATEMENT WILL BE SATISFACTORY FOR IRANIAN PURPOSES.

B. WE WOULD LIKE TO TELL IRANIANS HOW LONG P-3 FLIGHTS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AND WHAT WILL BE ANTICIPATED FREQUENCY OF P-3 OPERATIONS FROM BANDAR ABBAS DURING PERIODS OF HIGH AND LOW ACTIVITY.

C. WE SHOULD TELL IRANIANS IN GREATER DETAIL THAN PROVIDED REF C WHAT PLANS WE HAVE FOR A US PRESENCE IN BANDAR ABBAS, E.G., PRECISELY WHAT FACILITIES AND HOW MANY PERSONNEL WOULD WE LIKE TO LOCATE THERE.

D. WE WOULD WISH TO ASSURE IRAIANS THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE COMPLETE INTELLIGENCE PACKAGE AS COLLECTED BY P-3 OPERATIONS FROM BANDAR ABBAS. LOWER LEVEL IRANIANS HAVE EXPRESSED SOME DISSATISFACTION IN THIS REGARD AND WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE MATTER.

E. AS INDICATED REF A, WE HAVE HEARD THAT USS RANGER WILL ENTER INDIAN OCEAN IN JULY. REF C SPEAKS OF USS CHICAGO TASK GROUP. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE IRANIANS OF OUR MAJOR WAR SHIP MOVEMENTS IN INDIAN OCEAN DURING THIS SUMMER.

2. REQUEST (1) APPROVAL FOR APPROACH ALONG FOREGOING LINES AND, (2) NECESSARY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.  
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